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BEFORE THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

FOR

THE MGIB ACTIVE DUTY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
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Rear Admiral George D. Passmore Jr. Chief, Office of Personnel and Training United States Coast Guard



Rear Admiral George D. Passmore, Jr. assumed duties as Chief, Office of Personnel and Training, United States Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. in June 1989. His last assignment was Commander, Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic, Governor's Island, New York.

Admiral Passmore graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Following graduation, he served on the Coast Guard Cutter COOK INLET in Portland, Maine.

In 1960 he was designated a Coast Guard aviator, subsequently serving in his native Brooklyn, New York, and Coast Guard Air Station Annette, Alaska.



In 1965 Admiral Passmore completed post-graduate training in electrical engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He then served at the Coast Guard Aircraft Repair and Supply Center in Elizabeth City, North Carolina where he designed new electronics systems for Coast Guard aircraft.

After serving as Chief, Avionics Branch in the Aeronautical Engineering Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, Admiral Passmore became the executive officer of Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas. In 1976, Admiral Passmore held the dual command of Coast Guard Air Station North Bend and Group Coos Bay, Oregon. Two years later he commanded Group Corpus Christi and Air Station Corpus Christi. From 1980 to 1983 he was Chief, Management Analysis Division at Coast Guard Headquarters. He then moved to Honolulu where he was Chief of Operations, Fourteenth Coast Guard District. He returned to New York in 1985 as the Deputy Commander Atlantic Area and Chief of Staff, Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic.

Admiral Passmore was born in Brooklyn and was raised in British Columbia, Canada. He is married to the former Rita Holm of Revelstock, British Columbia. They have one son, Robert, who is an officer in the Internal Revenue Service in Los Angeles.

MR. CHAIRMAN, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, I AM REAR ADMIRAL GEORGE D. PASSMORE, CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING FOR THE COAST GUARD. IT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU TODAY TO DISCUSS THE MONTGOMERY G. I. BILL.

I WOULD LIKE TO PREFACE MY COMMENTS BY THANKING THIS COMMITTEE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE MONTGOMERY G. I. BILL THAT WERE APPROVED LAST YEAR MAKING THE PROGRAM MORE EFFECTIVE.

YOU HAVE REQUESTED THAT I COMMENT TODAY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MONTGOMERY G. I. BILL AS WELL AS ANY SUGGESTIONS I MIGHT HAVE THAT WOULD FURTHER IMPROVE THE PROGRAM AND MAKE IT MORE EFFECTIVE.

THE MONTGOMERY G. I. BILL IS AN OUTSTANDING AND VERY EFFECTIVE RECRUITMENT TOOL WHICH HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED BY OUR NEW RECRUITS. THEIR ENTHUSIASM CAN BE ATTESTED TO BY THE PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. OUR PARTICIPATION RATE FOR THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN 95%, WITH 2,336 RECRUITS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE AND 2,220 PARTICIPATING. DURING THE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD, 674 ACTIVE DUTY COAST GUARD PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED. THE CURRENT MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL IS WORKING AND MEETING OUR NEEDS. ACCORDINGLY, THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOT NOW SEEKING LEGISLATIVE CHANGES.